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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 8, 2002, and in response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2003, enclosed are copies of three references which were cited in parent application (USSN 09/348,530). In the August 25, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner identified these three references as being unavailable in the parent application.

Express consideration of the above described references are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

It is respectfully noted that no fee should be due in connection with this paper, since the references attached hereto were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on February 8, 2002. In addition, since these references were cited in a parent application (to which reference was made in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 8, 2002) and copies of those references were supplied in the parent application, there is no obligation on the Applicants to submit copies of these references in the present application. The attached copies of the references are being supplied merely for the convenience of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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